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Whitman Royalty

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Walt Whitman High School celebrated their homecoming on Friday, Oct. 24. Seniors Seth Worthington and Isabel Hinestrosa were named homecoming King and Queen, respectively, as the Vikings fell to their cross-town rival Churchill Bulldogs 18-6.

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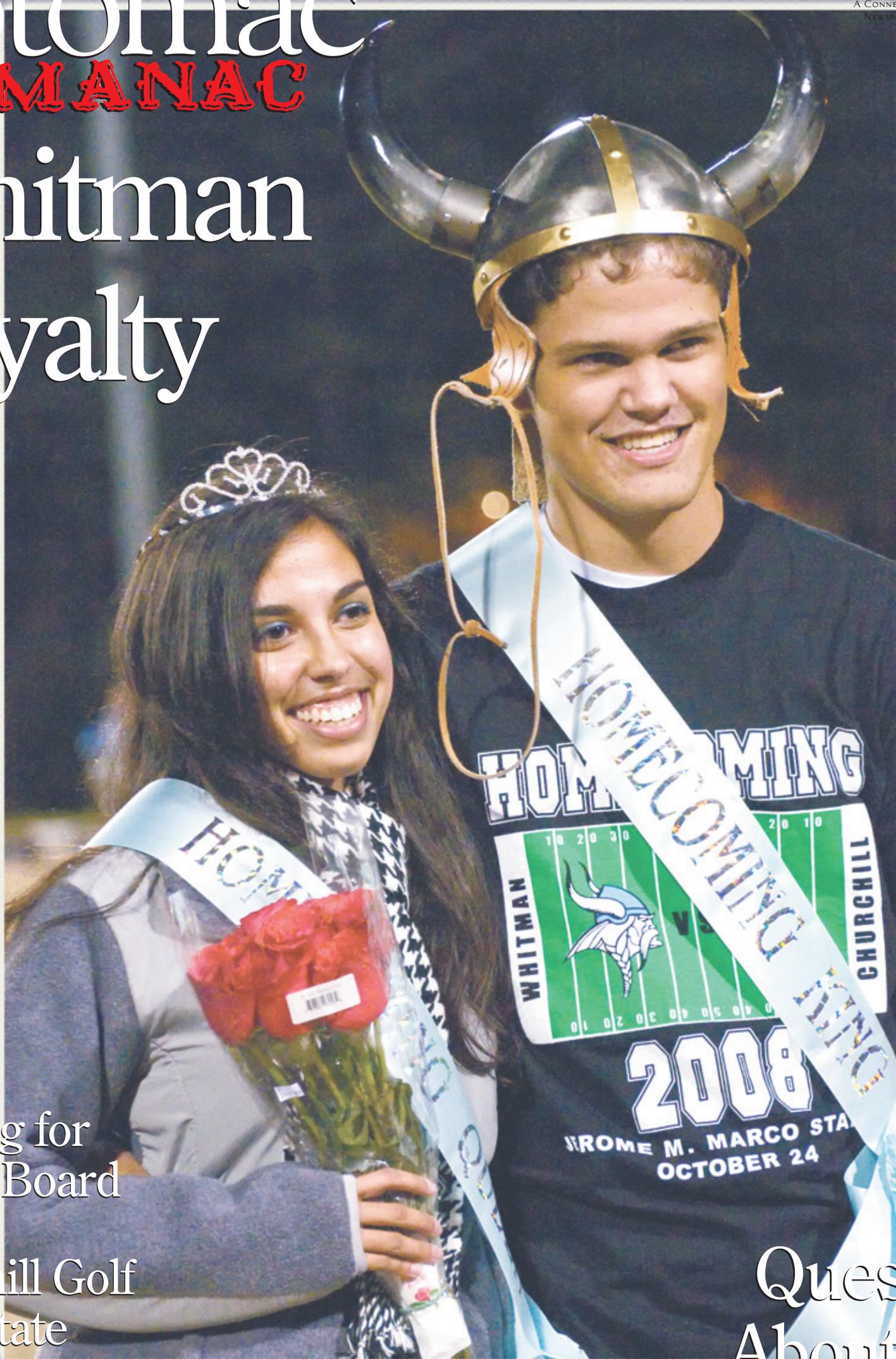
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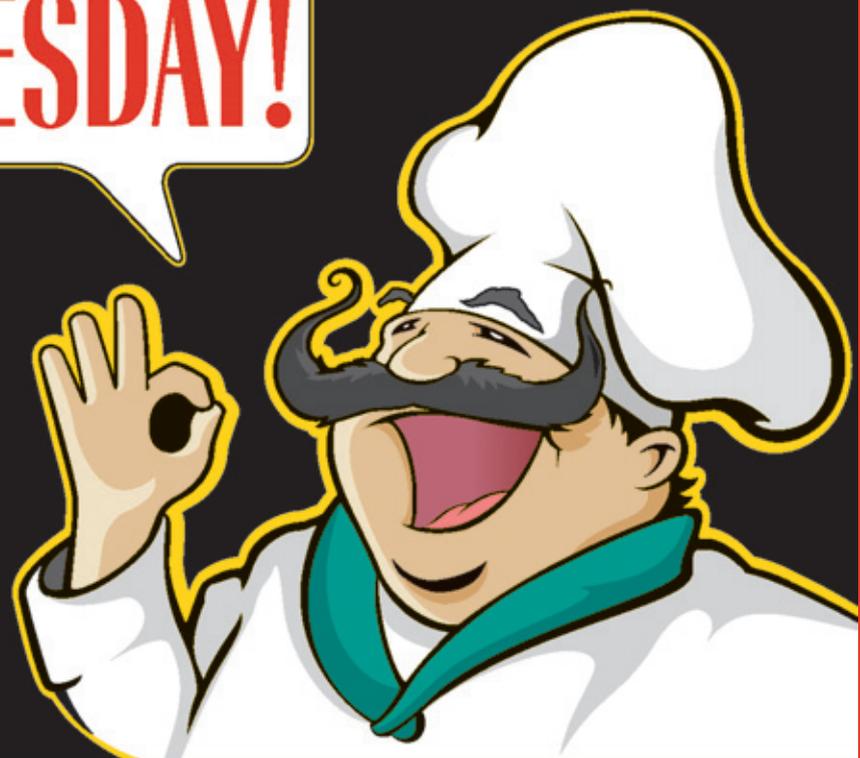
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Residents Question Motives of Police Raid

Scotland residents in contact with NAACP, ACLU.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Residents continue to question the intention and execution of a police raid last month of four homes in Scotland, that has subsequently become the subject of an internal police probe.

Residents say that police intentionally damaged their personal property during the raid, and that they believe the raid was conducted under the pretense of a burglary investigation to push a misled gang investigation. Residents have been in contact with local and national representatives of the NAACP and ACLU regarding their concerns.

The simultaneous early-morning raids led to seven arrests and stemmed from a burglary on Scotland Drive in late August. As part of the same in-

vestigation, police also searched houses in Cabin John and Germantown.

But residents say that the SWAT team officers and police detectives that raided their homes seemed not to be looking for coats or purses — among the nearly \$20,000 worth of supposedly burglarized items — but instead removed only red-and-black bandanas and other clothing that would affiliate the suspects with gang activity.

AS THE POLICE prepared to leave his Scotland home that morning, Ward Wilson, the father of one of the suspects, said that he asked one officer why they hadn't even opened one of his closets. Ward says the officer responded by opening a closet, running his hand over the coats hanging in it and shut the door again.

"So I'm like, 'What is this really about?'" recalled Wilson at a meeting of Scotland residents on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Unspecified amounts of marijuana were found in each home, as was gang paraphernalia including clothing, writings in notebooks and photographs. But police did not recover any of the items allegedly stolen in the burglary, said Lt. Paul Starks, a police spokesman.

The manner in which the raids were conducted was also troubling, said residents. They say officers addressed the residents with expletives and went out of their way



down his shed door with a battering ram after he offered to give them the key. Sarie Dunbar said that officers in her home swung a door into a wall, puncturing the drywall with the doorknob because she argued with them. Another woman and her teenage daughter were forced to lay naked on the floor of their home while officers photographed the crime scene, said Thompson.

THE EXPENSE of repairing damage incurred during such raids is not the responsibility of the police, Starks said. Police spokesperson Lucille Baur said that some of the allegations that Scotland residents have made in relation to the raids have been found to be untrue but she declined to specify what those details were.

The Internal Affairs investigation was launched after Thompson spoke at a community meeting hosted by County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1) earlier this month despite the fact that no formal complaints have been filed with police by any of the affected residents, Baur said.

The Scotland Community Action Team (SCAT) was formed in the wake of the police arrests to organize the community's response to this and any future incidents of a similar nature, said Leo Thompson, the father of one of the suspects. Right now the group is preparing the logistics of hiring defense lawyers for those arrested, Thompson said.

Damage sustained to this doorframe of the front entrance to one Scotland resident's home in a Sept. 24 police raid has left the door unable to lock. Residents believe police used the pretense of a burglary investigation to further a gang investigation in a neighborhood in which they claim there is no true gang activity.

to damage some property even after they had broken in the front doors with battering rams.

Leo Thompson said officers knocked

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"All of the individuals arrested were affiliated with 'Mob 54,' which affiliates itself with the Bloods gang. We classified them all as active gang members."

— Lucille Baur,
Montgomery County Police

Candidates Seek Votes for Board of Education

As voters go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 4 in a historic general election, they will also have the opportunity to vote for, among many other candidates and races, their Montgomery County Board of Education representatives. Here are brief question-and-answer statements with four

Steve Abrams

Bio:

I was elected to a third nonconsecutive term on the Board of Education in 2004. Previously, I also served five terms on the Rockville City Council. On the Board I have been a member of the Board's Audit and Policy committees and the Ad Hoc Committee on Special Education. I am currently President of Abrams & Associates and the Abrams Family Foundation. Previously, I was Senior Lobbyist for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). In the federal government, I served as Deputy Counsel for the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the U.S. House of Representa-

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of the five candidates up for election. Incumbent Steve Abrams is taking on challenger Laura Berthiaume in District 2, while Phil Kauffman Tommy Le are squaring off for an at-large seat. The fifth candidate, Christopher S. Barclay, is running unopposed in District 4.

Laura Berthiaume

Bio:

I grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1990. I practice law in downtown Rockville with my mother, Margaret D. Farthing. We practice in the areas of trusts and estates and elder law. I have been married since 1993 to David Berthiaume, a federal employee, and we have three children.

How would you rate the performance of the current board and what changes, if any, do you think are needed?

I think the current board has been weak in car-

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Phil Kauffman

Bio:

Personal: Native of Philadelphia. Attended the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1974, with a B.A. in Economics. Received law degree from the University of Maryland in 1977. Member of Pennsylvania bar.

My wife Beth is an MCPS teacher. We moved to the White Oak area of Montgomery County in 1987. We relocated to Olney in 1993, where we now reside. We have two daughters who have attended Montgomery County Public Schools. Our older daughter attended Jackson Road, Brooke Grove, Farquhar, and Blake and graduated in 2005. She is now a senior at Muhlenberg College. Our younger daughter attended Brooke Grove, Sherwood ES, Farquhar, and Blake and graduated in 2007. She is now a sophomore at Lafayette College.

Occupation (Present and Past): Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1980 to present

Past experience/Elected Offices: Past area vice president, Montgomery County Council of Parent

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Tommy Le

Bio:

Employment: Engineer for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Residence: Silver Spring

Family: Married, two adult children

Education: Licensed Professional Engineer - State of Maryland; MS/PhD in Engineering Sciences - University of Tennessee; BSEE - University of Missouri; BA in Math - Rockhurst University.

Professional experience: Instructor - Department of Army; Electrical Design Engineer, Staff Engineer, Section Supervisor - Tennessee Valley Authority, Vocational/ Technical Teacher - Chattanooga Vocational/Technical College; Part time Engineering Technology Instructor - Montgomery College in Rockville; Staff Engineer/Inspector/ Auditor/ Team Leader/ Project manager/ and currently Senior Engineering Project Manager - Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Community experience: 1981-1994: member of the various PTAs where my children attended ES, MS, and HS; 1987-1991: Volunteer Soccer Coach for MSI; 1985-1992: member, Committee on Edu-

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Berliner Publicly Opposes Ambulance Fee

County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1, Potomac, Chevy Chase, Bethesda) last week announced his opposition to the proposed ambulance service fee that would bill those with health insurance for being transported by ambulance. Those residents covered by health insurance would have their insurance companies billed to the extent of coverage while those without would not be billed at all, according to Patrick Lacefield, a spokesman for County Executive Ike Leggett, who supports the bill.

Police Urge Caution During Trick-or-Treating

As families in Montgomery County are making their plans for Halloween observances, the Montgomery County Police Department recommend that each family take time to review basic safety tips with their children and enforce their use.

The most important safety tip is to "trick-or-treat" only in neighborhoods and at homes known to your family.

Playground Closed For Rehabilitation

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 27, the Glen Echo Park playground area closed for rehabilitation, a project which includes the repair of a retaining wall and the installation of benches to provide a seating area in front of the wall. This work will take approximately one month and the playground should re-open by the end of November.

The Usual Suspects?

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The group has also met with local and national representatives for the NAACP and the ACLU about this specific incident, as well as to discuss future actions to take with county government to try to prevent future problems.

Mike Mage, co-chair of the Montgomery County Chapter of the ACLU said that what concerns him is the use of the no-knock warrants.

"The whole question is was it justified in this case?" he said. "And that gets to the question of what makes these men armed and dangerous."

POLICE SAY THAT there is no standard mode of operation for executing search warrants linked to burglary investigations. Five of the warrants were "no-knock" warrants that allow police to use the element of surprise to swiftly enter and secure homes when the suspects are believed to pose a threat.

One warrant application lists, under the heading "Items to be searched for: ... Evidence linking the aforementioned suspect to the criminal street gang 'Bloods' or '54' or '54 Mob' or 'Bloody Pound' or '54 Bloody Pound'" Those items were to include clothing, notes, photographs, computer memory cards, and address books, among others.

The no-knock warrant applications that were submitted to and approved by a Montgomery County District Court judge cited the violent nature of the suspects and the belief that the suspects were known to carry weapons.

Those arrested in connection to the August burglary were Aaron Wilson, Chase Freeman and Randolph Polite, of Scotland, Bryant Stott of Germantown and Detric Thompson of Cabin John, and one minor. Wilson, Freeman, Polite and Stott have been charged with first degree burglary, fourth degree burglary, theft over \$500, conspiracy to commit first degree burglary, conspiracy to commit fourth degree burglary and conspiracy to commit theft over \$500. Thompson was charged with the three conspiracy charges; court

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tives and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Food and Consumer Services in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I also served as Associate Administrator for USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development and was General Counsel for the Inter-American Foundation. I received a BS degree in Economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from the American University and a JD from the University of Baltimore School of Law. I am married to the former Judy Goldscheider and our two daughters graduated from MCPS.

For the past few years, I have become involved in promoting new musical projects for Broadway and Off-Broadway productions. In 2004, I was involved in bringing the musical "Avenue Q" to Broadway, where it won the Tony award for best musical. The following year, a second show, "Altar Boyz" received a similar award, the Critics' Choice, as best new musical off-Broadway. This year my latest, "In The Heights" received 13 Tony nominations and was selected best musical. In March 2009, a revival of West Side Story will begin its Broadway run after previewing at the National Theater in Washington.

How would you rate the performance of the current board and what changes, if any, do you think are needed?

The current Board, given its infusion



of new members, has performed remarkably well. However, the current fiscal situation will require courage and judgment, especially in the area of employee benefits and compensation and evaluating what programs should be modified or eliminated.

What will be the biggest issues for the next board and what would you make your highest priorities if elected?

Maintaining the progress we have made in improving minority student performance in the light of a severe fiscal situation is the fundamental issue facing the next board. I remain committed to the Weast reforms and look forward to helping the next Board develop a cost-effective way of continuing to implement what we have learned.

What do you think differentiates or separates you from your opponent?

I believe the Washington Post in their Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008 endorsement got it right. My experience, vision and independence makes me the better choice for District Two. I bring sharp analysis, acute business sense and important institutional memory to the board. I voted against terms of the current teacher contract, which is now acknowledged to be unaffordable. I am one of two members of the board that appointed Dr. Weast. It is experience that will be crucial in searching for the next superintendent. I remain committed to equity in education and will continue to challenge schools that don't do all they can to serve all students.

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Teacher Associations, Northeast Consortia Cluster; past coordinator, Blake Cluster; Farquhar Middle School Parent Teacher Association; MCCPTA High School Committee, membership and Reporting Committee, member of committees, including School Improvement Advisory, School Naming, Principal and Community Superintendent Selection, and Curriculum Advisory at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

How would you rate the performance of the current board and what changes, if any, do you think are needed?

Good. I support the changes they have made to their meeting schedules which allow more time to discuss key topics. I also commend the board for adopting and updating a strategic plan for the system and advocating successfully for increases in both the operating and capital budgets. However, the board has not adopted a sufficient number of performance measures and goals for student performance in the strategic plan. The board's meeting process does not provide sufficient opportunity for meaningful stakeholder input. The board does not perform a strategic review of programs to determine whether they are achieving gains in student achievement or should be eliminated. They have not yet mandated greater transparency and provided critical questioning in the school budgeting process. They also do not conduct reviews of school system operations to determine if board policies are being implemented consistently.

What will be the biggest issues for the next board and what would you make your highest priorities if elected?

The biggest issues facing the next board will be dealing with the funding shortfalls as a result of county and state budget deficits. In addition, the next board will be choosing a new superintendent to replace Dr. Weast, whose contract will expire in 2011. The following are my highest priorities, if elected:

A Responsible Budget. Adopting a responsible budget is my

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Education Technology to Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College [Joan Stern and Barry Lock were Chairpersons respectively] and assigned as liaison to the Edison Career Center; 1991-1997 - Member and chairman, Cultural Minority Local Advisory Committee to Montgomery County public schools system; 1995-1996: volunteer on a citizen committee to review for the MCPS operating budget & six-year construction plan; 1994-1997: Upcounty Citizen Advisory Board; assigned as liaison to Montgomery College's Germantown Provost Advisory committee; 1985-2006: Volunteer Judge to the Montgomery Sciences Fair, 1999-present: member and Vice Chair on the Montgomery County Board of Electrical Examiner.

Key issues: Increase number of school counselors to help students at all levels. Training teachers to be more innovative in teaching to increase student learning effectiveness. Raising students' awareness toward responsibilities to themselves, their future and the society. Increasing vocational and career technology curriculums to provide work skills to students who want to joint the work force after high school. Provide tutoring and extra help to disabled students.

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How would you rate the performance of the current board and what changes, if any, do you think are needed?

The current school board is performing from poor to marginally acceptable. Please notice that with the exception of Mr. Abrams who is more engaged and acted on for the interests on the behalf of our students; the remaining members of the board [except for Ms. Cox] are all lacking of formal management/ education training or do they possess any profound technical expertise or industry experience; however, they are there occupying the BOE seats to solely protect the interest of the schools' unions; for otherwise, they would not be first elected or re-elected without the help of the unions' "teacher recommended" rotten red apple ballots and the army of MCEA activists roaming the 200+ polling places electioneering for

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Berthiaume

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rying out its oversight duties, and that we need more accountability and transparency in the system.

What will be the biggest issues for the next board and what would you make your highest priorities if elected?

Clearly, two top issues for the next board are hiring the next Superintendent when Dr. Weast leaves in 2011, and how to deal with looming budget cuts. My priorities over and above these two major areas include improving communication between the school system, parents, and students, addressing the needs of every child for exercise, good school nutrition, and safe and modern schools, and adopting a common sense, transparent budget that respects local parent and student concerns.

What do you think differentiates or separates you from your opponent?

Mr. Abrams has a history of absences and inattention to important issues and parent concerns, whereas I will attend all BOE meeting, including attending strategic planning forums and visiting schools to see what is actually taking place inside the classroom. I believe MCPS needs strong oversight from a proactive Board — a need highlighted by recent scandals — whereas Mr. Abrams seems to believe everything is just fine as is. In addition, I will not run for any other office during my four-year term — this is the job I want. In contrast, in each of the three terms in which Mr. Abrams has been elected to the Board, he has run for at least one other elected office within two years of the start of each term.



CRIME

Criminal activities reported by the Montgomery County Police Department through Oct. 14.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 11000 block of Counselman Road in Potomac on Wednesday, Oct. 1 between 10:15 a.m. and 1:50 p.m. No forced entry, property taken.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 10900 block of Glen Road in Potomac on Monday, Oct. 6 between 1:30 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Forced entry and property was taken.

A **theft from a vehicle** occurred in the 8300 block of Bells Mill Road in Potomac occurred between 8 p.m. on

Tuesday, Oct. 7 and 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Forced entry, GPS taken.

A **theft from a vehicle** occurred in the 8700 block of Fox Run Drive in Potomac occurred between 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Forced entry, GPS, cell phone, and CD's taken.

A **theft from a vehicle** occurred in the 10700 block of Gainsborough Road in Potomac occurred between 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 and 7 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9. Forced entry, GPS taken.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 10800 block of Admirals Way in

Potomac on Friday, Oct. 10 between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Forced entry, property taken.

A **commercial burglary** occurred at the Fire House Cleaners, 7911 Mac Arthur Boulevard in Cabin John between 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10 and 7:20 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Forced entry, property taken.

An **aggravated Assault** occurred in the 7700 block of Scotland Drive in Potomac on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 11:30 p.m. An argument occurred between the victim and known suspects. One suspect assaulted victim with knife. Victim sustained a cut on the hand. Investigation is on-going.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Exercise Class. Join Kym Sevilla as she leads people affected by cancer in discussion and exercises that will enhance awareness of posture and alignment at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. 10-11 a.m.; free. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Celebration. Enjoy tea and treats at The Wellness

Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda, from 10-11 a.m. with other people who have been affected by cancer. Learn about free programs for people with cancer and their loved ones. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org for reservations.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

Divorce Workshop. The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) is hosting a **workshop on divorce**, 6:30-9 p.m. at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. Program addresses the legal, financial and personal issues of divorce. \$40/person. Pre-registration required, call 301-816-8374.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

Housing Seminar. County experts

will present a program on affordable housing and Councilmember Elrich will introduce a new concept on Bus Rapid Transit at the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation. First-floor auditorium of the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, 7:45-10 p.m. Visit montgomerycivic.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

On Parenting. Dr. Edward M. Hallowell, psychiatrist and best-selling author of 14 parenting books, will speak on how parenting can lead to raising children who are happy, connected and responsible. The Bullis School Blair Family Center for the Arts, Howard Auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824. Tickets are \$25/person, \$45/couple.

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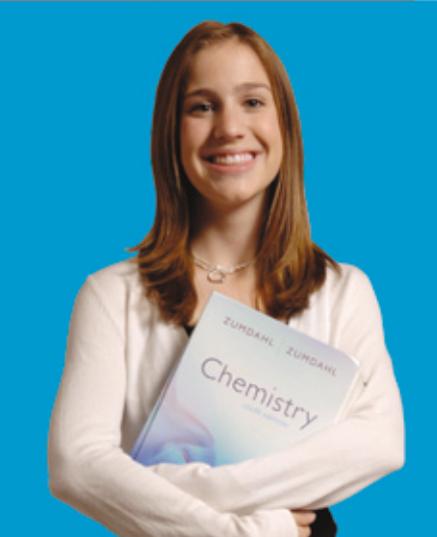
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The Best 65 Years of Their Lives

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

It was the celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary, but it was difficult to discern at times which was most significant, the anniversary or their Cornellian roots. However, that comes as no surprise where Carol and Bob Ladd are concerned. They met at Cornell, coaxed four out of five of their children to choose it for their higher educations, to date, have 28 Cornell graduates in the family, and, as daughter Merle Ladd Silverman told the crowd gathered at the Potomac Hunt Club's clubhouse last Sunday afternoon, "Mom said, 'You can go to any college you want, just make sure it's on the Cornell campus.'"

A fellow Cornellian in the gathering, Austin Kiplinger, who has served on the college's board of directors for many years, added to the longevity of Cornell enthusiasm by remarking to Bob Ladd, "I knew your father before I knew you."

GETTING AROUND Ladd's father, the first of four generations of the family to attend the school, was the dean of agriculture at Cornell when Kiplinger was a student. "It's always nice to be at a celebration for some of your younger friends," quipped Kiplinger who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Carol and Bob Ladd were married Oct. 30, 1943, at her parents' home in Larchmont, N.Y. They moved to this area in 1953 when then 30-year-old Bob Ladd was named executive secretary to vice president Richard Nixon. With his interest in fox hunting and hers in raising chocolate Labrador retrievers, they easily related to the then Potomac country lifestyle. In 1967, they moved "up county" to their Haverhill Farm on Sugarland Road where they live today surrounded by horses and dogs.

IT WAS LITTLE wonder in a gathering of three generations of friends and family that stories of yore abounded. Hence the comment by Sara Lee Greenhalgh. "He has called me "Sari" since 1957." She was referring to Dick Moran, there with wife, Susan. The story relates back to a Saturnalia party the Greenhalghs hosted at their Potomac home. The Roman party called for costumes of the era. Sara Lee, who portrayed, Poppaea to her husband's Nero



The family portrait. Bob and Carol Ladd are flanked by three of their five children, (left to right) Dan, (R. Daniel Ladd, Jr.), Robin McEntire and Merle Silverman. Daughter Phoebe and son Charles were unable to attend.

Claudius Caesar, was decked out in a gold sari.

"I'll never forget that party," Sue Monahan chimed in, "We had a flat tire enroute and walked down River Road in our costumes." After the party, in the wee hours of the morning, her late husband, Bob, called for a cab. "When the cab arrived, Bob, in his gladiator's costume, complete with spear, walked out the front door. The cab driver took one look at him and took off down the driveway." Fortunately, he got the message it was a costume party and returned.

Potomac also had more sedate moments back when the Ladds first moved to the area and raised their five children, Merle Silverman, San Francisco; Robin McEntire, Silver Spring; R. Daniel, Jr., Bethesda; Charles, Atlanta; and Phoebe Mertes (the one who chose Wellesley over Cornell!) who lives in San Antonio.

A PARTY GUEST visiting here from her home near England's Salisbury Cathedral, Gillian Brockbank, the houseguest of Lutie and Harry Semmes, recalled the times (during the '60s) when she pushed her daughter's stroller up and down Glen Road in front of "Holly House" where they lived. Contributing the understatement of the day she remarked, "Things have changed so

much."

"Andy" and John Reed were among those with fond memories. John shared the joy of fox hunting with Bob for many years and they later rode the trails around the Ladd farm. It was just two years ago, John, then a young 83 year old, quit riding. "Stoney" his beloved fox hunter had a heart attack and died while he was riding him. The 30-year-old horse was buried on the Ladd farm. On a brighter note, "Andy" Reed provided that their daughter, Susan, has been named editor in chief of Oprah's magazine, "O."

Susan wasn't the only editor making news at the party. Audrey Zubkus, an American University law professor, told a story about driving to her Partnership Road home one recent night. It was late and dark. "I saw this man, nice jacket, proper hat, nice shoes, carrying a brief case and walking along River Road. It was soooo weird," she related. Audrey proceeded on down the road, past Poole's Store, and to her driveway on Partnership Road. It was here she had second thoughts. Was that someone she knew or was it a mass murderer? Nevertheless, she turned, retraced her journey and pulled up beside the well-heeled gentleman, rolled down her window and called, "Mr. Kiplinger, is that you?"

It turned out to be not the mass murderer,



Ardent fox hunter, Leonard Proctor, and swimming sensation, Sara Allnutt, catch up on each other's news.



Carol and Bob Ladd shared their 65th wedding anniversary with friends at a party in the Potomac Hunt Club clubhouse.

but her neighbor, Kiplinger, a.k.a. editor Austin Kiplinger, who answered her question with, "Hello young lady, what are you doing here in the middle of the night?"

Kip's story: "I was driving home, listening to the 11 p.m. news and a huge buck bolted out of the woods near Block House Point. I decided he was bigger than I was so I took evasive action, took to the side road and went up a bank. The engine was damaged and a headlight smashed."

So, why the walk? "It was a pleasant night and I was walking home," was his sagacious reply. Why not? What else would you expect a nonagenarian to do? With a twinkle he added, "It was like an angel from heaven when she came along."

"What we need is each other, and we are all here today," Kiplinger remarked while glancing around and spotting neighbors, Sara Allnutt and son, Bob; Sue Ewald, Beverley and Rainer Bosselmann, she just in from hunting as was "Hap" Bauer; Anne Davies who couldn't hunt due to a pending knee replacement this week; Leonard Proctor, Dr. Chet Anderson and wife, Paula; Mary Ann and George Kephart, and Dr. Francie Dougherty all from the up county neighborhood.



John and "Andy" Reed swap old fox hunting tales with Austin Kiplinger.

PETS

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group. To adopt an animal, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.paw-rescue.org, call 301-572-4729 or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



Brennan

Brennan is a male, 8-month-old, 25 lbs., neutered Bassett Hound mix. He is a truly sweet young boy who was a stray. Brennan is a romping young boy and is still learning the basics a former neglectful owner didn't teach him. Playful Brennan is looking for a kind, adopting family to cherish him and help him learn.



Roxie

Roxie is a female, 4-year-old, 50 lbs., spayed, Collie mix. Lovely Roxie found herself chained outside after being an indoor dog but was rescued by PAW. She is housebroken and is re-learning some fine points about indoor living. Roxie loves people and would do best in a cat-free home.

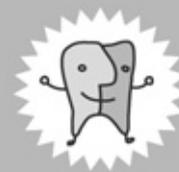
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THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Community Pumpkin Patch. The community pumpkin patch is open from Oct. 11-31 at North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

K.D. Lang. The singer/songwriter is performing at the Music Center at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$55 and \$75/person; call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m., dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to live music. \$9/person. E-mail fdncontra@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions from 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Registration not required.

Flea Market. The Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, is holding its semi-annual Flea Market and Community Yard Sale 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free for buyers, vendor spaces are \$30. For more information, call 240-777-6960.

Climb Wall. Scale a climb wall at the Discovery Creek Children's Museum in Glen Echo Park, 10a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free for members and children under 2, \$5/non-members. Call 202-488-0627 or visit www.discoverycreek.org.

Swing Dance. The Washington Swing Dance Committee presents a swing dance with the Brooks Tegler Big Band at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dancing 9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$12/person. Call 301-340-9732.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Shrimp and Oysters. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association will hold a shrimp and



Branford Marsalis (left) and members of the Philharmonia Brasileira featuring conductor Gil Jardim, will perform "Marsalis Brasilianos" at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, at the Performing Arts Center. "Marsalis Brazilianos" commemorates the 50th anniversary of the death of Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos (right).

oyster feast from 1-5 p.m., in the Anastasi Room at the Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Tickets: \$40 for an all-you-can-eat menu and must be purchased in advance. Call 301-977-6634.

Waltz Dance. Enjoy a waltz dance at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. A Hambo dance lesson will be held 2-3 p.m.; 30-minute beginner Waltz lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. and dance from 3:30-6 p.m. to live music. \$8/person. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

Blues and Swing Dance. Enjoy blues and swing dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Blues dance lesson 7-8:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. to live music from The Deja Blue Blues Band. \$17/workshop and dance; \$12/dance only. E-mail dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.com.

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Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Dance lesson from 7-7:30 p.m., dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. to live music. \$12/non-members, \$9/FSGW members.

World of Montgomery. The World of Montgomery Festival will celebrate Montgomery County's ethnic and

cultural diversity 12-4 p.m. in downtown Wheaton. This free, outdoor event will take place at the Gilchrist Center for Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in downtown Wheaton.

Legends and Life. Judy Welles, author of the recently published "Cabin John: Legends and Life in an Uncommon Place" will talk about the history of this area at 4 p.m. at the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Free.

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Chinese Book Club. Join in a Chinese book discussion in the Chinese language from 7-9 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Registration not required.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

"Marsalis Brasilianos." Performed by Branford Marsalis with members of the Philharmonia Brasileira featuring conductor Gil Jardim, at 8 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center.

Blues and Swing Dance. Enjoy blues and swing dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Blues dance lesson 8-9 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. to live music from The Idle American. \$13/workshop and dance.

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Glen Echo Pottery. Glen Echo Pottery maintains ongoing exhibits in the Glen Echo Pottery Gallery in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. These feature a special selection of work by resident artists, instructors and students. Every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call 301-229-5585 or visit www.glenechopottery.com.

Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Free exhibits of emerging artist work and art sales. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Every Saturday and Sunday from 12-5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

feature the work of resident artists Diane Cab, Christine Hekimian, Bev and Zayde Slep, and Bobbi Vischi. Sculpture, vessels, functional art, and jewelry are also for sale. All exhibited work is made at the Art Glass Center Studio. The Art Glass Center also produces other exhibits featuring resident artists, faculty, students and invited artists. The gallery and studio are open to the public on the weekends and by appointment. Contact Bobbi Vischi at BBVischi@comcast.net.

Web designer and fiber artist **Margaret Coe** will give a program on the "hows and whys" of having your own web site to feature your work at St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, **Nov. 8**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Visit www.potomac

THEATER



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From left, Tiernan Madorno, Don Kenneth Mason, Matthew A. Anderson, Emily Levey, Sara Brunow and Michael John Casey portray the inhabitants of Busytown.

Imagination Stage's performances of "Busytown," suitable for all ages, runs through **Nov. 2**, playing on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre. Single tickets range from \$10-\$21. Shows run roughly 90 minutes, with one intermission. Reservations are recommended. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org. Imagination Stage is located 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda and is handicapped accessible.

Winston Churchill High School will perform the award-winning Broadway play "Rent: School Edition" when the curtains go up **Oct. 31**, and **Nov. 1** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gertrude Bish Auditorium. The next major event planned is five perfor-

mances of Walt Disney's classic, "Beauty and the Beast," set for **Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, and 13**. The Bish Auditorium at Winston Churchill High School is located at 11300 Gainsborough Road. Tickets for the show cost \$12 or \$10, depending on seat location, and may be purchased on-line at www.seatyourself.biz/Churchill

"Harold and the Purple Crayon" will be running at The Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park through **Nov. 4**. Remaining shows on Nov. 3 and 4, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Field trip performances Oct. 28-30 at 10:30 a.m. Recommended for children Pre-K-grade 6. \$12/children 12 and under, \$15/adults. Call 301-634-2270 or visit www.adventuretheatre.org for tickets.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Submit holiday calendar items to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

The Unusual Suspects Arts & Crafts Festival. Organized by the D.C. Craft Mafia, to be held, 12 to 6 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad's Anastasi Room, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Free admission. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales will benefit The Washington Humane Society.

Annual "All Through the House" Bazaar. Boutique with lunch café, 8:30-3:30, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, 15120 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown. Crafts, gifts, silent auction, antiques & collectibles, Christmas items, country store; used books, toys & sporting goods; alternative gift market.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Fall Crafts. Assemble a head dress, decorate a fall wreath and enjoy story time with Perfect Parties by Terrye the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

Food Festival and Bazaar. Enjoy Russian and Eastern European food and shopping from 4-8 p.m. at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-6300 or visit www.stmarkoca.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Jewelry Exhibition. A collection of jewelry and metalwork pieces by 16 area artists will be offered for show and sale 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Woman's

Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road. Free. Call 301-299-3497.

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Art and Craft Sale. Members of the Art League of Germantown will take over the galleries at the Waters House, 12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., where they will exhibit and sell their creations. Call 301-515-2887.

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MONDAY/NOV. 10

Holiday Designs and Decorations. Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac hosts program by floral designer Chris Polychrones at Potomac Community Center, 10 a.m. Cost: \$20.

FINE ARTS

An exhibition of portraits by photographer **Emily Whiting** is on display through **Nov. 30** at the Photoworks Gallery in Glen Echo Park every Sunday and Wednesday, 1-8 p.m. Free. Call 301-229-7930 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Glassworks is the D.C. area's first glass school located in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. When classes are not in session, the studio is open for visitors to observe glassblowing and view the work of resident artist Rick Sherbert. Call 301-229-4184 or visit www.ricksherbertglass.com.

The Art Glass Center at Glen Echo exhibits continually in the Art Glass Center Gallery. These exhibits

COMMUNITY

Learning To Tie Bows for Charity

Girl Scouts from Service Unit 33-3 gathered at Behnke's Nursery in Potomac on Sunday, Oct. 12, to learn from Behnke's Florist, Becky Ling, how to tie professional bows for holiday decorations.

Eight local Girl Scout Troops will be decorating trees donated by Behnkes to benefit the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington.

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first priority. We owe the taxpayers of Montgomery County an honest assessment of how their money is spent. Every MCPS program should be reviewed on a regular schedule to determine whether the expenses of maintaining those programs are justified by the measurable gains in student achievement.

Reforming the middle school program. The gains resulting from the initiatives implemented in elementary schools are at risk if middle schools are not strengthened. We need strong, content-rich curriculum, further integration of technology in the classrooms and highly qualified teachers who have time to teach instead of being over-burdened by unnecessary testing. Extended-day learning opportunities and creative, interactive after-school programs that provide students with additional reading, writing or mathematics instruction and support must be provided.

Parent and Community Involvement. There is a definite link between actively involved parents and successful students. We must make meaningful efforts to increase parent involvement by supporting parent development programs aimed at helping families understand MCPS services available and learning best strategies to help their children succeed, such as the new Parent Academy, and increasing the number of school-based parent community coordinators. Our Board of Education needs to listen to all community members to understand the challenges our students and their families face. I support regular town meetings for the BOE, similar to those held by the County Executive and County Council, so that Board members can hear directly from the community their concerns about our schools.



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Cabin John Middle School, 10701 Gainsborough Road, Potomac, is holding "Help the Homeless Walk 2008" on Friday, **Oct. 31** in support of three charities.

Dr. Paul Yellin, former national director of the **Student Success Program** at the All Kinds of Minds Institute will give a presentation on helping developing minds find academic success Wednesday, **Nov. 12**, 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road, Potomac. Call 301-983-5200, ext. 250.

The **Holton-Arms School** will host its fall open house on Sunday, **Nov. 16**, from 2 - 5 p.m. Registration is at 2 p.m., followed by a welcome from the Head of School Susanna Jones at 2:15 p.m. The Open House is free and open to the public. For more information call 301-365-5300 or go to www.holton-arms.edu.

Dr. Edward M. Hallowell, psychiatrist and best-selling author of 14 parenting books, will present "**Five Keys to Raising Motivated, Positive, Capable Kids**" on Wednesday, **Nov. 19**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bullis School Blair Family Center for the Arts, Howard Auditorium.

Pre-registration required by calling the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824. Tickets are \$25/person, \$45/couple.

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FAITH NOTES

Shalem Institute offers a guided mid-day **Prayer Peace Circle**, on Wednesdays from noon-12:45 p.m. in the Shalem Meditation Room & Library, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 140, Bethesda. For more information, contact 301-897-7334 or visit www.shalem.org.

Friendly Family Services meet at St. Dunstan's Church, 5450 Massachusetts Ave. at Fort Sumner Drive, Bethesda at 9:15 a.m. Sundays, with fun songs, a children's Bible lesson, and Holy Eucharist in a 40-minute service geared to small children. Young families are invited to try this "easy entry" service. Call 301-229-2960 or e-mail stdunstans@verizon.net.

The Seven Locks Baptist Church, 11845 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, holds **weekly prayer meetings**, Wednesday in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. Call 301-279-9388.

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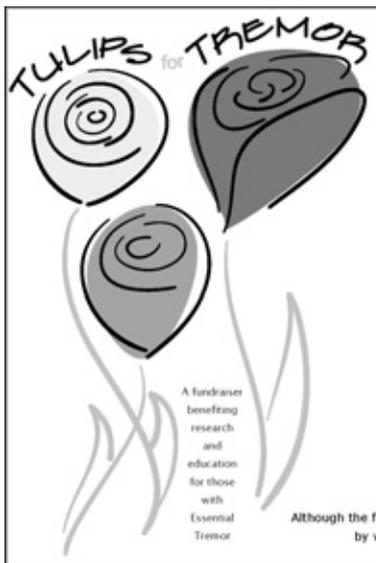
their candidates every election. Above are some of reasons that the current school board is ineffective; and why the current school board has neglected its duty in representing the will of our community and the need of parents with children we all are trying to educate and protect.

What will be the biggest issues for the next board and what would you make your highest priorities if elected?

We need a school board (1) with the real authority and determination to di-

rect the school superintendent to operate the school solely in the interest of our students and in a more fiscally transparent manner; (2) with a will to direct MCPS to setup and make available all financial activities and related documents be more available and search-able to the public and stakeholders, and (3) with innovative to direct MCPS to expand new career technical education to other high schools in the county in an equitable manner as the academic curriculum we presently have. A balance between academic and career technical education is what the community wants for our children in Montgomery County. The current Superintendent is more of a politician, who

had bypassed the duly elected school board and himself dealt direct with the local, county, and state officials to promote his own programs; in pushing for more IB, AP courses before our students had have a chance to digest and bed-down a firm foundation and basics knowledge for later life's activities. The words are not rigor or challenging as the Superintendent has been saying, but the words are to care, to help, to nurture, to accommodate, and to aspire our students to learn the best ways they each individually can. This includes the training of special Ed teachers and affording more time to them in teaching and caring for our students in Special Ed programs.



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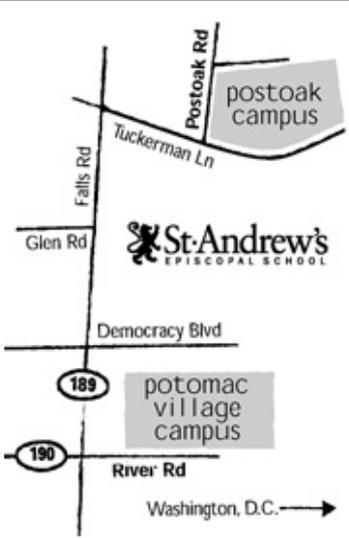
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Navy Seaman **Cambrey A. Redmond** of Potomac recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. During the eight-week program, Redmond completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Army Pvt. Katie L. Stocks, granddaughter of David Feinman of Potomac, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in many different areas. Stocks is a 2007 graduate of Aztec Middle College, Tucson.

Benjamin D. Barlow has graduated from the Uniformed Services University, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md. The graduate was promoted to the rank of captain commissioned to serve in the Medical Corps of the Air Force. He is the son of Douglas N. and Diana K. Barlow of Winding Oaks Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo.

His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Steve and Maria Luginbill of Wall St., Rockville. The captain graduated in the year 2000 from Air Academy High School, Colorado Springs, and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

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Churchill Golf Wins Championship

Bulldogs gain fourth title in five years.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

From the outset of last Wednesday's state golf tournament, Churchill coach Michael Fisher knew something was amiss.

The first sign was Fisher's team's scores being higher than anything he'd seen all season thanks to the Potomac Ridge Golf Club in Waldorf playing "more like a U.S. Open course." Then there was Wootton, a favorite alongside Churchill to win the state title, not even making the six-team cut for the second day of action Thursday. And through all of that, his Bulldogs still led the team competition by five strokes.

About the only thing that went according to Fisher's script was Churchill winning its fourth state golf title in five years after



PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE ALMANAC

Seniors Gary Raizon (left) and Marc Youngentob (right) were the key cogs all season in leading Churchill to its fourth state golf title in five years. Also pictured, senior Lindsay Gould.

his players got accustomed to the tougher than expected conditions.

"The first day was more of a shock," Fisher said afterwards. "But the biggest shock was Wootton being nowhere to be seen [on the second day]."

The absence of the rival Patriots didn't seem to bother the Bulldogs all that much,

though. Leading the way for Churchill was senior Gary Raizon who finished in sixth place in the individual competition. Raizon provided a perfect example of the Bulldogs' quick adjustments, notching a second-day score of 75, six strokes better than his day one total.

Senior Marc Youngentob wasn't far behind, tallying the first day's third-best score with a 77. He finished the tournament in a tie for 14th.

On the girl's side, Diana Brown led the Bulldogs with a third-place finish thanks to a remarkable score of 77 on day two, a nine-stroke improvement from her day one total.

"This course required a lot of finesse and intelligence and our team stayed out of trouble more than any other team," Fisher said afterwards. "They played smart."

Although Wootton's exit came earlier than expected after the cut on Wednesday, senior Andrew Stein was able to salvage come something for the Patriots. He finished in a tie for 8th place in the individual competition. Whitman's Alex Rhea and Steven Fisher also turned in respectable two-day scores of 166 and 168, respectively.

Churchill Football Downs Whitman 18-6

Bulldogs win at Viking homecoming.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Trailing 11-0 early in the third quarter of their homecoming game against Churchill and facing a third down and two near midfield, the Whitman Vikings had a chance to get more than just a first down. A first down would have given them some much-needed momentum and put them that much closer to pulling within one score of the Bulldogs.

Sophomore quarterback Henry Kuhn dropped back to pass then was flushed out to his right. Kuhn appeared to have enough room to run for the first down; he chose instead to take a shot downfield, but his pass was broken up along the sideline and the Vikings were forced to punt.

So it was for the Vikings on a night defined by missed opportunities and mistakes at crucial times as they fell to rival Churchill, 18-6, before a packed stadium. Do-it-all Viking senior Anthony Young-Wiseman was kept in check until the game's final play when he caught a 75-yard touchdown pass from Kuhn. Young-Wiseman finished the night with three rushes for 39 yards and three catches for 83 yards and that lone touchdown a week after compiling 199 yards on 9 touches, according to Viking statistician and Whitman senior Patrick Hunley. Young-Wiseman, who has committed to play football at Duke University next year, plays wide receiver, running back, quarterback, punter and kick returner at various points



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Churchill quarterback Curran Chabra unleashes a pass in last Friday's game against Whitman.

of the game for his team, but on Friday night Churchill had his number 3 jersey squarely in their sights.

"We try to get him the ball a lot ... [but] they're trying to double him on every play," said Viking coach Jim Kuhn.

With the win, Churchill advanced their record to 6-2 a week after being upset by Magruder. After last week's 10-7 defeat — a deflating loss just one week after a statement win over Northwest — Churchill coach Greg Neuendorf said he wanted his team to come out and play hard and focused against the Vikings, and for the most part they did that. "We lost a little bit of our edge [last week] but I think [tonight] we ... came out and played real hard," he said.

The win was far from flawless for the Bulldogs, who drove to the Viking one-yard

line on their opening possession before having to settle for a field goal after a botched snap lost them 12 yards on second down.

"We did a lot of things right but we had a few costly mistakes that killed some drives for us in the first half," Neuendorf said. The difference Friday night was that the Bulldogs were able to eliminate those mistakes in the second half and the Vikings were not. That is to be expected, Jim Kuhn said, of a varsity Viking squad that plays seven sophomores and a freshman and has struggled with injuries of late that created some on-field confusion with personnel packages against Churchill a week after losing starting wide receiver Craig Frazier for the season. Despite a week of preparing different players to handle new roles, on Friday night some still were unsure of their responsibilities in different formations, Kuhn said.

"I take full responsibility for that as a coach," Kuhn said. "[Churchill] did a good job. They're a solid team and we blinked."

For the Bulldogs, the future is now. They will play at Seneca Valley next week, then at home against Wootton, a game that will likely be full of potential playoff implications, and in neither of those games will they be able to afford the lack of execution that plagued them early on against the Vikings.

For Whitman (3-5), the final two games of the season are a chance for Kuhn's youngsters to gain some quality experience, and for the team's seniors to end on a high note.

Young-Wiseman said that he wants to "just start over fresh, hopefully go 2-0." As he and the other seniors prepare to don their Viking jerseys for the last time, doing so "would definitely mean a lot, because this is my senior year."

Churchill Tennis Captures County Title

With five finalists in the county's seven draws, the Churchill girl's tennis team used its depth to conquer the field at the Montgomery County Tennis Championships, held at Blake High School last Friday.

The Bulldogs edged out second-place Walter Johnson by a score of 22-17 and were followed closely by third-place **Whitman**, which won the regular season title after defeating Churchill in the regular season. For the Bulldogs, it was their fourth county title in five years.

Churchill's two doubles pairings led the way, as the Bulldogs had county champions in two doubles draws. The sister duo of Stephanie and Danielle Mandir captured the No. 1 doubles title, while the combination of Meghan Lee and Jennifer Lure were too much to handle at No. 2 doubles. No. 3 singles player Robyn Baird rounded out Churchill's collection of county champs.

The Bulldogs No. 1 singles player, sophomore Lauren Pinsky, fell just short of a county title, losing to **Wootton's** Megan Hahn. The Patriots No. 3 doubles team of Cindy Chung and Janice Vasquez also earned county titles.

Whitman junior Julia Chandler picked up the county title at No. 4 singles, while No. 2 singles player Nikki Gotret finished second. The Vikings' No. 1 singles player, sophomore Sarah Macy, dropped out of the tournament with an injury.

Soccer Results

The regional soccer playoffs got underway last week and continue through this week for both the boys and girl's sides, and area teams appear in the hunt for titles in the near future.

The **Wootton** boy's soccer team kept its season alive with a 3-0 win over Richard Montgomery. Senior Ethan Alkon, senior Skylar Olson, and freshman Max Golschien all scored in the victory. The Patriots take on defending state champion Magruder on Tuesday, after the Almanac's press time.

The **Whitman** boy's soccer team wasn't so lucky, losing in the first round of the playoffs, 3-0, to Blair. Blair moves on to face **Churchill**, a favorite to contend for the state title this year, in a game at Churchill Tuesday.

In the girl's bracket, Whitman advanced to the quarterfinal round after a hard fought 1-0 win over Gaithersburg last week. The Vikings face No. 1 seed Walter Johnson on Tuesday, a team they led 2-0, only to lose 4-2 when the two teams faced each other three weeks ago.

The Churchill girl's team defeated Richard Montgomery, 2-0, and now faces No. 2 seed Blair on Tuesday. The Wootton Patriots also advanced, beating Northwest, 4-2. They face Quince Orchard in the quarterfinals Tuesday, after the Almanac's press time.

Area Field Hockey Teams Make Semis

Both the **Churchill** and **Whitman** field hockey teams have advanced to the regional semi-finals. The Bulldogs, who are in the 4A West bracket, defeated Linganore last Thursday, 2-0, and now face Walter Johnson Tuesday after the Almanac's press time.

Whitman scored an upset win over favored Wootton, winning in penalty strokes, 1-0. The Vikings now get a chance at a more improbable upset when they face No. 1 seed Blake Tuesday.

Residents Question Raid

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documents say that he acted as a lookout during the robbery. The first degree burglary and conspiracy charges each carry 20-year penalties, the fourth degree burglary and conspiracy charges each carry three-year penalties; the theft over \$500 and conspiracy charges carry 15-year or \$25,000 penalties.

A seventh suspect, Mohamed Soumah, was sought unsuccessfully by police during the raids but was later picked up on unrelated trespassing charges in Baltimore where he is a student at Coppin State University, and he has also been charged with the six burglary-related charges, Starks said.

THE NAME OF the "54 Mob" — which supposedly is derived from the last two digits of Potomac's zip code — surfaced in the wake of a fight at Winston Churchill High School in January of 2007 which sparked a racial controversy after Churchill principal Joan Benz sent a letter home to parents deeming the incident a matter of "black-on-black" violence. Benz later apologized for the comment.

Two of the suspects targeted in the Sept. 24 raid — Freeman and Wilson — were involved in that altercation at Churchill.

At a public meeting at Churchill after the fight, Luis Cardona, a former gang member who served prison time in the 1990s and who currently works as a gang expert for Montgomery County Public Schools, said that the students involved in that fight were not a gang, but rather a group of good kids in need of direction and guidance.

"I know what a gangster is ... these kids aren't gangsters," Cardona said then, adding that while they met some of the criteria used by police to define a gang — such as sometimes wearing certain colors to show affiliation with one another — that those involved in the fight in no way embodied what is typically thought of as a gang. Cardona said that the students involved in that fight, and other students like them, suffered from a lack of guidance and needed encouragement by their parents and teachers rather than to be pushed to the margins of the educational system. "We have to realize at some point that all kids, despite their race or their socioeconomic value, have some redeeming quality in them," Cardona said. Cardona could not be reached last week for comment for this story.

Police believe differently from what Cardona expressed in early 2007.

"All of the individuals arrested were affiliated with "Mob 54," which affiliates itself with the Bloods gang," said Baur in relation to the September arrests and referring to the notorious Los Angeles-based street gang. "We classified them all as active gang members."

Tina Owens, the mother of Aaron Wilson disagrees with that notion.

"It's a witch hunt," Owens said after preliminary hearings for her son and the other suspects were continued on Friday, Oct. 24. "It's a pursuit that's been in place now for over two years since they started at

Churchill."

Thompson said that even though some of those suspected in the burglary may have gotten into trouble before, there is a wide gap between teenagers who have a knack for getting into trouble and a full-fledged gang.

"Yes, they're not angels, they're teenagers going into young adults," Thompson said. "But show me the crime in Scotland, show me the weapons, show me the drugs."

With the exception of Thompson's son Detric, who is 27, the adult suspects in the case range in age from 18 to 21, and Thompson said that it isn't uncommon for any men of that age to sometimes get in fights or smoke marijuana. Go to Cabin John Mall on any Saturday night, see the cars parked in front of Starbucks and it would be hard not to find youth of that age not up to some sort of like trouble, Thompson said. The only difference is that they probably aren't from Scotland.

"They don't get the police called on them and people know that," Thompson said.

REGARDLESS OF HOW the cases turn out — preliminary hearings for some of the accused are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31 — the consequences for some of the suspects are already being felt. Aaron Wilson was one of those suspended from Churchill after last year's fight. He is now a senior at Northwest High School and is part of a work-study program where holding a regular job counts as course credit. Since his arrest, Wilson's mobility has been restricted by order of the court system and subsequently has lost his job at Potbelly's sandwich shop in Rockville, placing his academic future in jeopardy, his mother said.

Thompson said that he thinks the raid is part of an effort to label Scotland as a gang area and a hot spot for criminal activity, which he says is not accurate.

The Rev. Julie Harriday, a former resident of Scotland, said that the underlying problem is something greater. Children from Potomac's most notable low-income neighborhood for are stigmatized — and have been for years — as problems in school from an early age. Undue police attention has been a long-standing reality in the neighborhood, she said, and only further serves to solidify both in the minds of Scotland's youth and the greater public the image of Scotland as an unsafe place and its youth as troublemakers. The end result, she said, can sometimes be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"We have some young people here and its time they know they don't have to be second class," said Harriday. "Our children should not have to be subjected to this, and it is a racial issue."

Police offered few details of the Internal Affairs investigation into the raids, saying only that it is an ongoing investigation and that there is no timetable for its completion and encouraged those in the community to step forward with their complaints.

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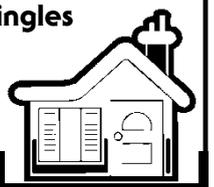
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For me to invoke a quote from Shakespeare, double entendre or not, must mean that either my creative juices have been completely drained or something extraordinary has happened. Unfortunately for the millions of residents along the Gulf Coast, something extraordinary has happened, and of course, it has to do with the weather. Specifically, I am referring to the twin cycles of destruction, Hurricanes Gustav and most recently, Ike. Back to back category-three storms that have tested the emergency services and preparedness — and residents — of the many states and jurisdictions along the Gulf Coast (and to a somewhat lesser effect, inland as well), most notably Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Abandon your ship (so to speak) or batten down the hatches? Stay or go? It's reminiscent of the advertising campaign involving the restaurant, Bob's Big Boy; specifically concerning whether the larger than life size statue of Bob that stood out front of all those restaurants for all those years, weathering the hot and cold, should himself (or would it be itself?) stay or go. Eventually, "Bob's" time came and went, as did the restaurant and its nationwide presence. I can still see him, though; right arm raised above his head; big smile on his face; black, wavy curl just above his forehead. I remember marveling at his size. Sure, he was just a pumped up version of a little boy, completely out of proportion to any little boy that I ever saw, but who cared? Times were much less complicated then; there was never any talk of steroids.

Regardless of the time, and the evolution of the technology we have all become accustomed to, generally speaking, if you're in the line of an oncoming hurricane's fire and fury, the decision to evacuate and leave your home, and most of your possessions, must be excruciating. Never having been pressured by such circumstances, I can barely imagine the range of issues to be considered. And as I listen to — and watch — Mike Seidel and Jim Cantore, two of the Weather Channel's more intrepid and experienced in-storm reporters, I can only marvel at the fortitude of many of the residents who make these hurricane-prone areas home.

Obviously, there's a trade off for these residents: taking the good with the bad. Residing in areas subject to unusual and destructive seasonal weather events is not for the weak of heart, make that body, mind and soul, too. The disruption, at the very least; the devastation, maybe even the death, disability or disease, at the very most, is quite a risk to endure for the folks who live in these severe-weather effected communities.

And with every storm/event, there are some residents, like my cousins Ronnie and Gil, who say enough is enough and move to higher ground, permanently. But there are others, equally determined to stay put, who rebuild if necessary and live their lives to the fullest, remaining rooted in their respective communities.

Surviving these occasional disasters/power outages, road/school/business and government closures, is apparently just another day not at the office; nothing more, nothing less. From my perspective, though (in my living room), I don't see how these people live with the knowledge that one day, potentially, all that they've spent a lifetime building, literally and figuratively, could be taken away in a matter of minutes and there's not too much they could have done to prevent it. Mother Nature is not funny that way.

I suppose none of it matters; it's home and as Judy Garland/Dorothy said repeatedly in the classic tale, "The Wizard of Oz," there's no place like it. Oddly enough, it was a weather event, a tornado, that landed her in Oz in the first place.

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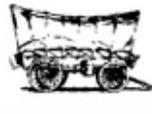
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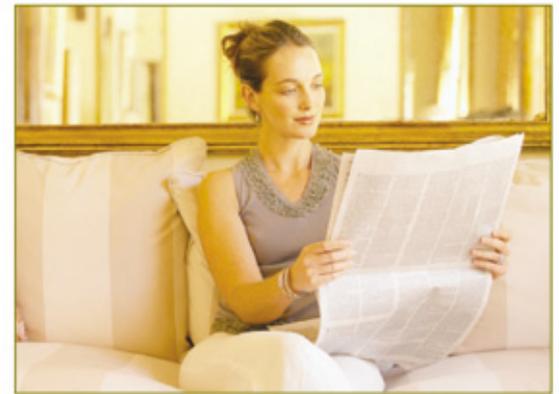
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